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Dr. Cullen's primary research interest area is the prevention of obesity and diet-related chronic diseases. In addition to USDA/ARS funds, she has received competitive funding from USDA/CSREES and ERS, NIH, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Cancer Research Foundation of America. Current projects include the development and evaluation of a website on healthy eating and physical activity for high school students; the evaluation of a web-based program on healthy eating for African-American families; the exploration of strategies to increase school breakfast consumption in middle schools, the impact of school food policy on student dietary behaviors, and the dissemination of a video intervention on improving the family home food environment and food parenting tips for Cooperative Extension EFNEP classes. Dr. Cullen's professional memberships include the Society for Nutrition Education, Society for Behavioral Medicine, the American Dietetic Association, and the Texas Dietetic Association (Distinguished Scientist Award in 2001). She serves as a member of the IOM Committee to Review the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program Meal Patterns and Nutrient Standards, the Dannon Institute Schools Committee, and the Schools Committee of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. Dr. Cullen has an MS in nutrition from Case Western Reserve University, and a DrPH in health promotion and health education from The University of Texas School of Public Health.